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REHABILITATION OF TSUNAMI AFFECTED ORPHANS AND OLD AGE PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children orphaned and number of old age persons rendered helpless by the Tsunami disaster in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) the steps taken by Government so far to resolve the problem of rehabilitation of orphans and old aged persons; and

(c) the name of Non-Governmental Organizations engaged in the service of the helpless persons and orphans?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) As per the information available, the number of children orphaned by Tsunami in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands is 516. No separate figures are available for old age persons rendered helpless by the disaster.

(b) Various steps were taken by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to assist the affected people which, inter-alia, are
(i) Provision of temporary shelters for all Tsunami affected families;
(ii) Ex-gratia payment to orphans;
(iii) Provision of care and shelter in orphanages run/supported by Government;
(iv) Provision of care and shelter in old age homes for old age persons; and
(v) Provision of free rations to all affected families. Besides, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment provided assistance for setting up of orphanages, Child Helplines and counseling services for children affected by Tsunami including orphans. In addition, aids and appliances were provided to affected persons irrespective of age.

(c) A number of non-Governmental Organisations have been involved directly by the concerned State/Union Territory governments in the service of these people. Organisations assisted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment are as under:

Indian Council for Child Welfare, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

(i) Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice, New Delhi
(ii) Asian Youth Centre, Kanchipuram
(iii) Indian Council for Child Welfare, Cuddalore
(iv) Kottar Social Service Society, Nagercoil
(v) Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kollam, Kerala
(vi) Avvai village Welfare Society, Nagapattinam